

Minutes
Public Hearing & Special Town Meeting of Electors
Town of Polk Town Hall * 3680 State HWY 60, Slinger WI
Tuesday- December 2, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silent prayer.

Chairman Schulteis said that Supervisor Harold Groth resigned from the Town Board for health reasons. At an 8:00 a.m. Special Town Board meeting this morning, Robert (Bob) Roecker was appointed to complete his term.

Roll Call of the Town Board: Supervisor Robert Roecker, Supervisor Ted Merten, Chairman Albert Schulteis, Clerk Marlyss K. Thiel, and Treasurer Tracy Groth.

The Procedure for tonight was explained by Chairman Schulteis. This is a meeting of the Town's Electors. You will initiate the motions, the seconds to the motions, and will vote on agenda items. The Clerk will do a count of legal residents. All votes will be by a show of hands, and will be tabulated by the Clerk. At the close of this meeting, there will be a Special Town Board meeting held where the Town Board will vote on the 2015 Budget. You are all invited to attend.

Public Notice was sent to the Hartford Times Press, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, West Bend Daily News, and radio stations WBKV/WTM. Notice was posted on the bulletin boards at Cedar Hills Subdivision, Roskopf's RV Center, Town Hall and Town's website.

PUBLIC HEARING on the 2015 Budget. Chairman Schulteis declared the Public Hearing open on the 2015 Budget. Schulteis gave a summary of the proposed budget.

Our 2014 Public Works Projects on roads in the Town totaled \$114,096.85. The Pleasant Valley Road, just West of Hwy 45 in front of St Joseph's Hospital cost a total of \$33,559.20; with \$14,585.00 being reimbursed to us through the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP), leaving the balance of \$18,974.20 paid by the Town. The LRIP program is available to us only every four years. The remaining work was done for maintenance work of crack filling, leveling, wedge and chip sealing, and ditch washout repairs.

For 2015, (the yellow sheet in your packet) you will notice that we will have significantly less money budgeted for our roads. You will notice, our salt & sand costs are at \$60,000 and the costs depend largely on our winter weather. This spring ended a very harsh winter, so costs were up.

The purple sheet shows the Town's 2014 Tax Rate of 61 cents. The state, county, school districts, technical schools, and lake districts are also listed. As you know, the Town's Referendum for tax rate increase failed in the November Election this year. That would have brought the Town's share to an additional 50 cents per \$1,000 of

assessed value of your property. People did not understand this. They thought it would have doubled their total tax bill. But what it meant was that it would have only increased the Town's portion. Residents needed better information about what the Referendum means.

On the next page you will find a spreadsheet showing the departmental breakdown of 2014 and 2015 budgets, with the January through October expenses of 2014. Are there any questions or comments?

Karen Reiter asked why there were no fees proposed for number 44240 Holding Tanks under License and Permits in the 2014 and 2015 budgets. Chairman Schulteis explained that Holding Tanks are only used in certain applications.

Item 43887 under Intergovernmental, lists Resident Share Road Repair – Highland Park Drive. Highland Park Drive was having very poor drainage issues. The residents volunteered to share in the cost, with each paying 1/5 of the cost after the Town paid the first \$1,000.

One resident asked why the Building Permits have a higher income than the Electrical and Plumbing permits. Clerk Thiel explained that the Building Inspection permits are all-encompassing; they represent HVAC, structure raising, building additions, sheds, garages, swimming pools, etc. Plans are examined and inspections are made. More costs are involved. Electrical are only for electric and plumbing only for plumbing.

Chairman Schulteis continued with the budget explanation. The DNR in Leu of Taxes is payment for land people have in the forest/conservation program. Our Soccer fields are maintained by the Slinger Soccer Club. They cut the grass, fertilize, level, and plant seed. They had a 10-year contract for rent paid at \$1.00 per year, which expires this year. The soccer club representatives met with us to update our contract. The soccer club has expanded in size, with more fields and players. In addition to the \$1.00 per year rent for a 10-year contract, we agreed on a \$100 per year storage fee, for their equipment. They spoke with the electric company, and worked up a chart showing the electrical costs to run their concession stand, and so we agreed on an annual fee of \$125 for that. These two charges will be reviewed annually.

Number 48400, Workman's Comp Dividend is no longer available to us. We received a letter from the insurance company telling us that they are not giving dividends to municipalities anymore, because townships tend to hire older people to do our roadwork, and therefore, have more claims.

Chairman Schulteis announced that with no further questions or discussion, The Public Hearing is now closed, and we will continue with the meeting.

Resolution #2014-12 Authorization to Spend in Excess of \$5,000 per mile for Highway Expenditures pursuant to Section 82.03(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Rod Bartlow moved to approve Resolution #2014-12 Authorizing the Town to spend in excess of \$5,000 per mile for highway expenditures. Bob Anderson seconded the motion. 13 Electors voted aye by a show of hands. There were no nay votes. Motion passed.

Resolution #2014-13 Adopting the 2014 Tax Levy Pursuant to 60.10(1) (a) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the Town of Polk. Rod Bartlow moved to approve Resolution #2014-13 Adopting the 2014 Tax Levy. Kathy Schulteis seconded the motion. 13 Electors voted aye by a show of hands. There were no nay votes. Motion passed.

Adjourn. Kathy Schulteis moved to adjourn. Roy Wenninger seconded the motion. All voted aye by a show of hands. There were no nay votes. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlyss K. Thiel
Town Clerk